

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Feb 08, 2005

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, City Attorney Patrick Benca, Aldermen Robin Baker, Mike Kemp, James Smith and Dave Holsomback. Not present were Aldermen Bobby Riley and Diane Everett. Alderman Everett arrived at 6:35pm.

Minutes: Two sets of Minutes were presented for approval. Minutes from the Special meeting held Jan 5, 2005 and from the Regular meeting, held Jan 10, 2005 were presented for a single vote of approval. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Holsomback. Second was made by Alderman Baker. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: The Recorder-Treasurer presented the following verbal financial report:

General Fund Checking Account ...	\$ 7,260.52
Reader Board	\$ 366.72
Emergency Light Fund	\$ 253.00
Undeposited Funds	\$ 2,606.80
Reserve Fund (Stephens).....	\$48,104.45
Total General Fund	\$58,591.49

Street Fund Checking Account ...	\$ 81,235.77
Street fund reserve account	\$ 33,239.46
Total Street Fund Assets	\$114,475.23

Bond & Fine Account	\$ 5,149.94
Court Clerk Fund	\$ 9,505.00

LOPFI Account balance	\$ 16,321.83
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Text Financial reports were distributed via e-mail the day before the meeting.

A motion to accept the financial report, as given, was made by Alderman Baker with a Second from Alderman Everett. Motion carried with a voice vote and no opposition.

The State of The City Address:

Mayor Davis presented the annual "State of the City" report. Text is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Department Head Reports:

All dept head reports were submitted in written form and are filed in the Dept Head report binder in the office of the Recorder-Treasurer.

Item 1:

Mayor Davis presented a request to the Council that they permit him to allow and approve the use of city equipment and manpower to install water lines to the Saline County Animal Shelter and to provide labor to attach those few home owners in the sewer grant area, who do not qualify for federal assistance, to the new sewer mains. He stated that since the landowners donated easements so that the sewer lines could be installed it seemed reasonable that the city would help them get hooked to the system. He believed that the number of homes involved would be less than ten and closer to six or seven.

After hearing the request and short discussion a Motion was made by Alderman Holsomback that authorization to carry out the actions described be granted. Alderman Everett provided a second. The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Item 2:

Ordinance 2005-04: An ordinance, amending ordinance 200-01, to set new fees and standards for reconnects by the Water Department and to establish new deposit requirements for Water Customers who have multiple Cut-offs and re-connects during a twelve-month period. Alderman Kemp recommended setting the re-connect fee at \$25.00 rather than the \$20.00 initially recommended by Mayor Davis. With that amendment applied, the proposed ordinance was read by City Attorney Patrick Benca.

Following the reading a motion was made by Alderman Holsomback that the Ordinance be approved as read. A second was provided by Alderman Baker. The motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place 2005-04 on the Table for *second reading*, reading only the title. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Second reading of Ordinance 2005-04

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-04 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Holsomback.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Suspending the Rules:

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2005-04 on the Table for *third and final reading*, reading only the title and invoking the emergency clause. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Third reading of Ordinance 2005-04:

Alderman Kemp made a motion that Ordinance 2005-04 be approved. The Motion received a second from Alderman Baker.

The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-04 is adopted.

Item 3:

Police Chief Richard Friend reported that he had met with Office of Emergency Management, (OEM), and reported that Shannon Hills is the easternmost city in Saline County and as such represents an excellent location for a third mobile command center for the county. Since the city has a command center vehicle that is currently in need of some

repairs and maintenance OEM has indicated that if the City will get the unit operational, they (OEM) will assist in getting the unit equipped as a command center. Chief Friend asked the council to approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, to get the command center vehicle operational.

After brief discussion Alderman Baker made a motion that the council approve the request. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. In a roll call vote Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Holsomback and Everett voted "yes." Alderman Smith Abstained. Alderman Riley was absent. With 4 "yes votes, 1 "Abstain" and 1 Absent, the motion carried.

Comments:

A mixture of comments were made. Most were related to the Mobile Command Center vehicle. The need for a garage to keep it in, the kinds of emergency conditions that are most likely to occur in the area, etc.

Mayor Davis asked about the feasibility of using some of the lights from the old Ambulance on the new Command Center. Fire Chief Mel Aldridge responded that because the lights were built into the structure of the old unit they probably would not be transferable but that options could be checked out.

A citizen asked what was to be done with the old septic tanks at the homes where the new sewer system would replace them. Mayor Davis reported that it was his understanding that they would be pumped out and filled with sand. The cost of that operation should be covered by grant funds.

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge reminded Mayor Davis that he did not present a department head report in January when all Reports were planned to be presented verbally. He was invited to present at this time.

Chief Aldridge reported that last month the Fire dept made 8 fire runs, 2 rescue runs and 2 mutual aide runs. The Dept had its first "total loss" structure fire in over six years last month.

House numbers need to be mounted on most houses in Southfork and Carrington Place.

Following Chief Aldridge's report A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. The Motion carried by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer